## Protect your dog from dangers right in your own yard!

Each time your dog wanders into the yard, danger may be looming. Take precautions now to protect your dog from possible harm or injury.

- Fence your yard, and make sure your gate is closed before your dog goes outside.
- It's hard to control a distracted or scared dog without a leash. If you take your dog outside your fenced area, keep it on a leash. Your dog may run out in traffic or roam too far from home.
- Check on your dog frequently when your dog is in the yard. Something dangerous such as glass, nails, or another animal could injure your dog.

- Make sure your dog doesn't eat food lying on the ground. It could be poisoned or infected with bacteria.
- Read labels and know what products are used on your yard. Be aware of plants and yard care products that are poisonous to your dog.
- Microchip your dog to help ensure a safe return if it should ever get lost.
- If your driveway is part of your dog's fenced area, be sure no antifreeze or other engine fluids leak onto your driveway. If consumed, they can be deadly.

For a list of plants that are poisonous or harmful to your dog, see the "Hazardous Plants" reproducible. For more information about microchipping your dog, visit www.akccar.org.





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